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IN PENNSAUKEN**
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Pennsauken Harvest Festival Held October 16

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township, in partnership with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host the seventh annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 16 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 17). This annual event, held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield and Bethel avenues, brings the Township community together with a family-friendly atmosphere.

"We're working on making the comeback of Pennsauken's Harvest Festival the

best one yet," explains Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "Residents will definitely not want to miss this event."

This year's Harvest Festival is filled with fall family fun. Youngsters accompanied by an adult can board a hayride and travel around the complex to a "patch" to pick out the perfect pumpkin for painting. Children can also enjoy a variety of inflatables, petting zoo, sand art, balloon twisting, face painting, and two new amusements: the "Dragon Wagon" mini roller coaster and a giant slide. To commemorate Walt Disney and his brother founding the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio on October 16, 1923, attendees both big and small will be able to have their pictures taken with some special costumed characters.

Visitors will be able to purchase fare from a variety of food trucks. In addition, the



The Township's annual Harvest Festival returns to the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Saturday, Oct. 16.

festival's popular "Vendor Row," will once again be set up along the complex's parking lot, with a variety of crafters, businesses, and community organizations sharing their

goods and services with participants. Those wishing to inquire about bringing their food truck to the event or purchasing a vendor

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Several Township Job Positions Available

The Township of Pennsauken has announced the following employment opportunities:

- Human Resources Manager
- Housing Inspector Trainee
- Municipal Clerk
- Emergency Medical Technician, Part Time

In addition to specific requirements of the positions, applications, which can be downloaded via the Township's website, shall include a copy of a resume, and valid NJ Driver's License. All applications are due in a sealed envelope and delivered to the attention of Human Resources, Township of Pennsauken, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, NJ 08110, by the deadlines specified in the online job descriptions.

Interested parties can find out each open position, as well as download an application, by visiting: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids.

Pennsauken Remembers Twentieth Anniversary Of 9/11 Terror Attacks

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



In addition to the town's annual flag placement, public officials, first responders, and members of the community gathered for a special "Day of Remembrance" in observance of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

Twenty years have passed since the terror attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. To mark the solemn occasion, the Pennsauken community gathered on two occasions to honor the 2,977 lives lost and to thank those who continually put themselves in harm's way to keep our community safe.

Annual Flag Placement At 9/11 Memorial

On the evening of Sept. 10, members of the community once again joined first responders in placing 2,977 American flags at the Township's 9/11 Memorial, to honor the victims of the terror attacks on

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Out Of The Darkness Community Walk Held At Cooper River Park

The American Foundation for the Prevention of Suicide is hosting its Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Vista Deck at Cooper River Park. During the event, those affected by suicide – and those who support them – raise awareness and much-needed funds, strongly sending the message that suicide is preventable,



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**



and that no one is alone.

Held in hundreds of cities across the country, the Community Walks give people the courage to open up about their own connections to the cause, and a platform to create a culture that's smarter about mental health. Friends, family members, neighbors and cowork-

ers walk side-by-side, supporting each other and in memory of those they've lost to suicide.

Day-of registration begins at 10:00 a.m. The walk ceremony begins at 11:15 a.m. To register for the event, visit AFSP.org/Camden.



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MAYOR'S CORNER An October Filled With Fun, Fall Activities



By Marco DiBattista,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

When it comes to holding outdoor events, Pennsauken does a great job. Last month, we had an amazing turnout with the return of our Car and Bike Show. We couldn't have asked for better weather, as thousands of attendees walked along Maple Ave. to view the hundreds of vehicles on display. I would like to thank all of the municipal employees and volunteers whose hard work made this year's show possible.

But we're not done yet. During October, the Township has two can't miss public events for our residents and neighbors.

The Pennsauken Harvest Festival will

be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, from noon to 4:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, located at Westfield and Bethel avenues. This family-friendly celebration of fall features hayrides, pumpkin picking, food trucks, a vendors' row, and a variety of kids entertainment, including a kid-sized roller coaster, fun slide, and inflatables. Our first responders will be out in full force, with vehicles on display and special demonstrations. It's going to be a lot of fun and a great opportunity for our community to safely get together outdoors. You can find out more by reading the cover story in this issue of All Around Pennsauken.

Then, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, the Township's Haunted Hayride returns to the Pennsauken Country Club from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. In addition to our great vol-

unteers from Pennsauken High School's Leo Club, all of our municipal departments will be taking part in the fun, either putting together spooky scenes or joining some of our first responders in handing out Halloween candy to kids in attendance. For more information, visit page 4.

And before you know it, we'll be getting ready to kick off the holidays. We'll have a lot in store in November and December for our residents, like our Holiday Parade, Holiday Light Extravaganza, Breakfast with Santa, and more. Stay tuned for more information.

Be sure to check our municipal website and social media channels for more details and updates. Please mark your calendars for these great events. We can't wait to get together and celebrate fall with our residents and their families.

Pennsauken Swears In Four New Firefighters

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

During the Pennsauken Township Committee meeting on Sept. 2, four men took the oath of office as the town's newest firefighters: Brian Gomez, Matthew Johnson, Joseph Magliari, and Joseph Wysocki.

"It's been a long-standing tradition of the Pennsauken Fire Department to administer the oath of office to any new personnel to enter the career service," explained Joseph Palumbo, chief of the Pennsauken Fire Department and the town's director of public safety. "Unfortunately, with the public health crisis over the last 18 months, we haven't been able to do that, while we've put on four new firefighters. It's a little bit overdue, but we wanted to make sure these guys had the right experience and



At the Sept. 2 Committee meeting, four firefighters were sworn into the Pennsauken Fire Department.

maintain our tradition."

In addition to taking the oath, a member from the firefighter's family placed their badge on their uniforms. After the ceremony, each man received applause from all in attendance.

"On behalf of the Township, I'd welcome you guys to our family," said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "We respect what you do. We're proud to have you. And we wish you guys safety."

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Pennsauken - Money Making Duplex
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TRICK OR TREATING IN PENNSAUKEN

Trick or Treating in Pennsauken will occur from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

At press time of this publication, the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Health had yet to release any new guidance regarding trick or treating on Halloween. The Township does recommend that trick or treaters stay mainly outside and be in smaller groups.

Per Municipal Code, there is a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for minors under 16 years of age for Oct. 29-31, "unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or some duly authorized and accredited custodian of at least 18 years of age who exercises such control of said minor with the consent of parents or legal guardian." This means that the child must be with some-



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one who is legally responsible for them.

Pennsauken Township will share any updates about trick or treating on their website, via social media, as well as Pennsauken Television (Channel 19 on Xfinity, Channel 21 on Fios).

TOWNSHIP HOLDS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The hunt will be on for the best Halloween decorations in town. Sponsored by Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the fourth annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will recognize those homes that go all out for the spookiest time of the year. A team of guys and ghouls will be creeping around town to locate the most impressive expressions of Halloween spirit Pennsauken has to offer. Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

In order for decorated homes in Pennsauken to be considered for this year's contest, residents must submit their address using the form located at twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/halloween-home-decorating-contest. Registration runs through Monday, Oct. 18.

Help cause some friendly frights throughout our neighborhoods by decorating your home or visiting those who do! For more information, call Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 x151.



This October, Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee will be holding a contest to identify the best Halloween decorations in town.

PENNSAUKEN'S HAUNTED HAYRIDE ON OCTOBER 27



Pennsauken's annual Haunted Hayride will be held on Oct. 27 at the Pennsauken Country Club from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Pennsauken Township's annual Haunted Hayride will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Hadsonfield Rd.

Sponsored by the Township's Youth Action Committee, the Haunted Hayride features ghosts, ghouls, goblins, and the walking dead providing scary fun for the whole family, as guests ride around in a hay wagon pulled by a tractor. It's a great bargain, as the cost for the Haunted Hayride is just \$2.00 per person.

In addition, Pennsauken's first responders will be handing out Halloween candy to participants.

Volunteers are once again needed for this year's Haunted Hayride. Generous students and residents are asked to dress up as ghosts, ghouls, goblins, vampires, and zombies to help provide some scary fun for hayride goers. In addition, community groups and local businesses are invited to put together and participate in a scary scene for the event. To sign up as a volunteer, to have your organization participate, or for more information about Pennsauken's Haunted Hayride, contact Elwood Martz at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or (856) 665-1000 x104.

PEA PRIDE HOLDS DRIVE-BY TRUNK OR TREAT

The Pennsauken Education Association's PRIDE division is presenting a Drive-by, COVID-Friendly Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 24. From 10:00 a.m. to noon that day, families can drive by the main entrance of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., to pick up

a Halloween treat bag.

Sign up to receive treat bags is required by Saturday, Oct. 16. To register your family for the event, visit <https://bit.ly/PEATrunkorTreat2021> and fill out the easy-to-use form.

PENNSAUKEN TELEVISION BROADCASTS HORROR FILMS ON HALLOWEEN

For the ninth year in a row, residents tuning into Pennsauken Television on Oct. 31 will be treated to a wide variety of horror movies, from cult favorites to extreme camp.

Each and every Halloween, Pennsauken Television presents "Channel Night Scream," a day-long horror movie marathon, airing several films available from the public domain. When tuning into Channel 19 on Xfinity or Channel 21 on Fios, viewers can watch silent classics such as "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," featuring John Barrymore; cult horror gem "The Brain That Wouldn't Die;" and "Attack of the Giant Leeches," a film that "sucks" on many levels. The programming culminates with George A. Romero's zombie masterpiece, "Night of the Living Dead."



George A. Romero's classic "Night of the Living Dead" will have a special late night airing on Pennsauken Television.

In addition, special segments in between movies will highlight the winners of the Township's Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Programming begins at midnight on Oct. 31 and runs throughout the programming day.

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EDITOR'S DESK Who You Gonna' Call? The Sinatra House Is Haunted

EDITOR'S
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

There is something strange in my neighborhood. I swear that my house is haunted.

There are too many things I just can't explain.

It starts in the bathroom. Every time I put in a new roll of toilet paper, when I turn around, it disappears. Every. Single. Time. It seems these ghosts are intent on torturing me when nature calls. And that's not the only supernatural event that occurs by the commode. No matter how many times I pick up socks from off the floor, they always reappear in the exact same spot. I've pleaded with the spirits, but in retaliation, they leave the socks in other places. The couch. The

kitchen. The steps. It's scary.

Then there's the moaning. It starts early in the morning, before the sun rises, echoing out of the bedrooms: specters begging for a brief respite from their eternal torment. It does seem that turning on the light switch is more than an adequate defense against these otherworldly fiends.

And don't get me started on the zombies. Mainly attracted by YouTube videos, the walking dead shamble from couch to couch watching some guy named Preston, who apparently not only drinks way too much coffee, but has a net worth of \$20 million. Now that makes my flesh crawl.

I consulted with an exorcist in an attempt to de-poltergeist the premises. I was informed that there isn't enough

holy water on the Eastern Seaboard to adequately address the legion of ectoplasmic evil doers lurking around the corners of my home, ready to jump scare me into thinking I may not be on enough blood pressure medication.

What have I done to draw the ire of the spirit world? Did I inadvertently open a nexus to the great beyond? Des-

ecrate their sacred burial ground? Maybe it was the time I messed around with a Ouija board when I was 12? Who knows? Maybe I just looked at them funny.

I do have an idea. I'm planning on holding a séance, where I will set some ground rules. If these ghosts are going to haunt my home, the least they can do is

do some chores. I have a feeling that once I ask these apparitions to fold and put away laundry, take care of the clean dishes, or help weed the garden beds, they'll will disappear into thin air, without so much as a bump in the night.

Who needs Tobin's Spirit Guide when you have housework?

Happy Halloween!

Township Officials Receive Tour Of Puratos HQ, Innovation Center



Members of Pennsauken's Township Committee and administration received a tour of Puratos Corporation's U.S. headquarters and innovation center.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, Mayor Marco DiBattista, Deputy Mayor Jessica Rafeh, Township Committeewoman Nikki Roberts, and Shakir Ali, Pennsauken's director of regulatory services, received a special tour of Puratos Corporation's U.S. headquarters and innovation center, a \$10 million, 23,700 square foot facility that opened its doors in 2018.

An international group offering a full range of innovative products, raw materials and application expertise to the bakery, patisserie and chocolate sectors, the Puratos Corporation has spent four decades growing in Pennsauken, investing well over \$50 million into their business operations here. First leasing space in 1985, the company then purchased a

building on Suckle Highway in 1996 to serve as its manufacturing plant. In 2011, they broke ground on a \$42 million, 171,000 square foot expansion of that facility, the largest investment in the history of the Puratos Group, which created an additional 300 local jobs. Puratos then purchased the building across the street from their plant in 2016, transforming it into their new headquarters and innovation center.

"We're thrilled that companies like Puratos Corporation call our Township home," said Mayor Marco DiBattista. "Their level of investment in our town is impressive and goes a long way to enhance the economic growth of our community. We couldn't be more Pennsauken Proud that they're our neighbors!"



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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

Fall is, by far, my favorite time of the year. The crisp morning air is warmed by the sun in the afternoon with a major reduction of summer's oppressive humidity. I'm not a pumpkin-spice java enthusiast and would take a biscotti with black coffee over a ginger snap, hands down. Although my lovely bride would disagree in my choice of season, I'm convinced that variety makes the world go round and we all have our favorites. There are some things that we all agree on... like leaf clean-up. Tied for last place

Autumn At Public Works: Leaf Season Prep And Parks Spruce Up

in the seasonal homeowner to-do list is raking leaves. This annual chore is all trick and no treat, for sure.

Leaf collection operations begin in early November and conclude on New Year's Eve. Every section of town will have leaf piles picked up by Department of Public Works crews at least twice during this time. If you prefer to see your leaves disappear every Wednesday, you can continue to take advantage of weekly Wednesday "yard debris" pick-up, when South Jersey Sanitation/Seaside Waste will collect your bagged leaves and other bundled yard items. During October,

Public Works' repair shops focus on readying our fleet and leaf vacuum trailers for this upcoming season. Tune in for November's article for more information on leaf collection.

Clean Up Of Pennsauken Parks

Pennsauken's parks and athletic facilities saw more activity than in recent years. Expanding little league, soccer, and football programs in the wake of COVID-19's winter isolation had previously unused fields booming with activity. It reminds my staff and I of our PYAA days in the 1990s and 2000s. Bringing that nostalgia to work each day is part of the joy of working to keep these locations en-

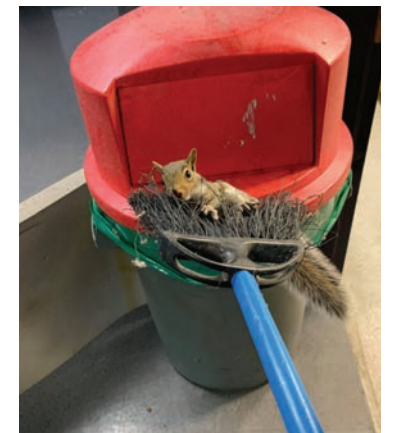
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Earlier this summer, the Department of Public Works answered the call to fill the service gap of trash collection over the course of several weeks. While we managed to keep all parks and fields cut and playable during this time, there were ancillary tasks that we put on the back burner, such as trimming bushes and pulling dead trees. As the cutting season began to slow in September, we made a concerted effort to go through each facility with a fine-toothed comb to ready these locations for fall. It is our goal to maintain a level of quality at all these locations that our residents are proud of

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"Unauthorized Party" Removed From Police Station



On Sept. 4, officers from the Pennsauken Township Police Department removed an unauthorized person from their booking area. No officers were harmed during the incident and the offending party was released on their own recognizance. Any potential charges have yet to be filed.

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As a Lion, you not only become just a member, but part of a network of organizations, businesses and volunteers committed to making a difference for the

betterment of our community.

The Pennsauken Lions continue to hold in-person meetings at Macaro's Deli & Catering, 6225 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken, on the first and third Mondays of each the month. However, please check with us for actual day and times.

If you would like more information about the Lions, future meetings, to learn how you can become a member or donate to the Lions vision efforts, contact us at Facebook.com/pennsaukenlions or directly via email at PennsaukenLionsClub1@gmail.com.

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Camden County Holds Fall Picnic Prize Bingo

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

The Camden County Board of Commissioners is hosting two "Just for Seniors" Fall Picnic Prize Bingo events during the month of October. The first will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Jack Curtis Stadium at Cooper River Park, 1301 N. Park Dr. in Pennsauken; the second will be on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Camden County Berlin Park, located at 34 Park Ave. Berlin, N.J. Both are held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

These are both outside events – please dress accordingly for the weather. You must be a Camden County resident to attend. Seating is limited to 100 seats per

event, and is on a first come, first served basis. Please note that you may only attend one bingo event as to give others an opportunity to participate.

Please register ahead of time to attend the event using the following link: <https://bit.ly/383wkLH>. If you do not have computer access you may call Isabella Badolato at (856) 858-2205 for registration.

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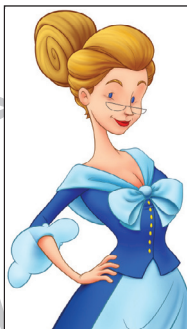
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Pennsauken School District Welcomes First Rowan Doctoral Cohort

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For the first time, Pennsauken Public Schools and Rowan University have partnered together to create master's and doctoral programs that will be hosted after hours at Pennsauken High School. This program gives educational professionals the opportunity to grow as scholars on Pennsauken High School grounds. During a special event on Sept. 7, officials from both Pennsauken Public Schools and Rowan welcomed the first doctor of education cohort.

Held at the high school's media center, the Apache Marching Band wel-

comed the doctoral students with a special performance. The school's Air Force JROTC also posted the colors during the event. School Superintendent Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, members of the Pennsauken Board of Education, and members of Rowan University's Graduate School spoke to the newest cohort about the exciting road ahead of them.

"This first doctoral cohort is comprised of many of our own Pennsauken educators, as well as others from across New Jersey, that have begun their doctoral journey here in our District," said Dr. Tarchichi. "I would like to congratu-

late our students that took advantage of this opportunity, and we look forward to many years of working together with Rowan University."

Since 2016, Pennsauken Public Schools have had articulation agreements with Camden County College, Rowan College of Burlington County, Rowan College of Gloucester County, and Rowan University, Main Campus. This new initiative is the latest advancement in the educational partnership.

For the first time, Rowan University is partnering with a school district for graduate programs that will be hosted at Pennsauken Public Schools.



Marching Band, Color Guard Place Third At Tournament



Congratulations to Pennsauken High School's Apache Marching Band and Color Guard, who received a strong third place showing at the Tournament of Bands competition in Williamstown!

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd², M.S., M.B.S., M.A.², Ed.D., Ph.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools

This was a great start to the school year. Our schools are full, and enrollment is the highest it has been in a decade. For example, in the high school alone there are 1,541 students on our rolls. In 2016 when I arrived, our enrollment in the high school was less than 1,200 students. In less than five total years, we added over 400 students in the high school alone, not counting other schools in the district. Moreover, Pennsauken Public Schools enrollment is up all over district and higher than it has been in over 10 years. COVID-19 has been a struggle, however the opening of Burling as an elementary school this year has allowed for more space in our classrooms and more social distancing at the elementary levels. There will inevitably be quarantining this year and letters stating specifics will be sent out as they have been since the pandemic has begun.

Unfortunately, there was a terrible bus

accident involving parents and students on Sept. 15 at River Rd. and East Springfield Ave. As a student was coming off of our bus, her mother, Angela Montes, was greeting her and they were hit by a car driving erratically. Mrs. Montes acted heroically and protected her child. The bus driver followed all protocols and blocked the intersection for the safety of students. The school bus stop sign was engaged, and red lights were flashing. This was a tragic accident resulting in parents and students being injured. It should not have happened. Rest assured; we are continually working with the Pennsauken Police Department in order to ensure the safety of our students. I would like to take this time to recognize a heroic mother such as Mrs. Montes. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you recover.

A highlight of Pennsauken Public Schools is our Career and Technical Education programs. All families interested in Career and Technical Education (CTE) options for students can choose from many vocational op-

tions which include Automotive, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical Construction, Welding, Criminal Justice, Air Force JROTC, HVACR, EMT and Fire Safety, and Health Occupations. Additionally, our dual credit courses at the high school level allows students to attain up to an associate degree (60 college credits) before they graduate high school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, students, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, secretaries, food service workers, teacher assistants, non-teaching assistants, custodians, maintenance workers, and every other staff member that went on this journey with us. The Board of Education and I will continue to ensure Pennsauken Public Schools offers more in-person instruction opportunities than any other school in the county. We cannot continue to thrive without our employees, parents, students, and community and we appreciate you.

We will continue doing our best for students to ensure learning opportunities and

educational experiences in and out of the classroom despite what is going on in the world. Please begin to check out our upcoming sports and extracurricular activities schedules on our website for the fall, winter, and spring seasons this school year and let's get together as a community to support our children and show friendship to

one another. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

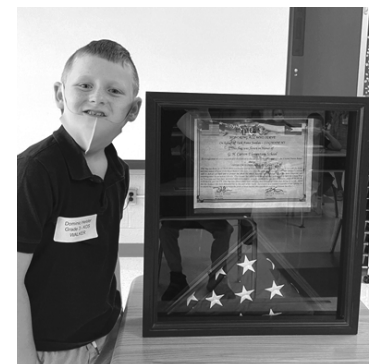
Lastly, please see our website, Pennsauken.net, for information about the upcoming bond referendum vote on Dec. 14. There, you'll be able to review information about the next chapter of additions to Pennsauken Public Schools.

American Flag Flown In Honor Of Carson Students

Carson School was honored to receive an American flag and Certificate of Honor on behalf of Task Force Jordan.

Third grade student Dominic Heisler's father, James, is a member of the United States Army and was stationed for a period of time in Jordan. Mr. Heisler presented Carson with the pictured flag and certificate, which reads, "This flag was flown in honor of G.H. Carson Elementary School in recognition of your support and dedication to the men and women serving in the United States Army."

We thank Mr. Heisler and all the men and women for their service. We are grateful for this gift to our school!



Carson third grader Dominic Heisler poses with the American flag and a Certificate of Honor from the United States Army.

Mikey The Therapy Dog Visits Phifer



Mikey a therapy dog-in-training and the family dog of teacher Tara Aviles is making the rounds at Phifer Middle School.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A four-legged friend is making the rounds at Phifer Middle School. Meet Mikey, a therapy dog-in-training and the

family dog of special education teacher Tara Aviles.

"Mikey's goal is to be a therapy dog for the middle school," said Ray Harris,

owner of Alpha and Omega Working Dogs in Moorestown, N.J., who has been training Mikey since he was about 14 weeks old. "Dogs can relieve the overwhelming stress that kids are feeling. When the kids see Mikey, you get a lot of 'ooohs' and 'ahs.' Just petting the dog or having Mikey just cuddling up under the students, it's big relief for some kids that are facing any type of pressure or stress."

Mikey is learning the ins and outs of navigating a school environment, learning to sit patiently and follow commands. And this special dog's visits to Phifer, as well as the therapeutic relief he provides, are something students look forward to.

"It has been nothing but wonderful," explained Aviles. "Kids are asking me in the hallway, 'When's Mikey coming back?' They see that Mikey is non-threatening and he's just there to love and be a companion for them. When he comes into the classroom, the whole environment changes for the better."



NJSIAA State Champions Honored

During September's Board of Education Meeting, two NJSIAA State Championship Teams from Pennsauken High School were recognized: the Unified Track Team and Boys Track and Field Team. Both won their titles last spring at our very own renovated Vince McAneney Stadium!

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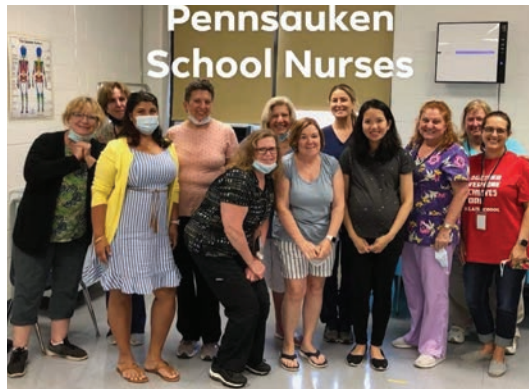
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Pennsauken Nurses Focused On The Health, Safety Of Students

By Leila Boyd, RN,
Pennsauken School Nurse

Pennsauken School District is at full operations for the 2021-2022 school year. There is no doubt that our last school year required extraordinary efforts on behalf of everyone in the educational community. Last year demanded quite a bit of accommodation from us all, from teachers, instructional support staff, custodial workers, as well as guidance and mental health counselors, especially the adaptability that was required of students and parents. Simply put, last year was some of the most trying circumstances to educate and to be educated. Despite the odds, our community came together to rise to the occasion.

In accordance to the New Jersey Department of Education's "The Road Forward" guidance, we started a safe return to in-person instruction on Sept. 8, but with the emerging delta variant, some people still may have unanswered questions on what we are doing to maintain safety for our children, our educators and



staff. The delta variant hasn't changed our dedication to keep our school doors open, but rather strengthened our resolve to ensure our schools are safe and healthy.

Some of the key elements of our plan to combat COVID-19 in our schools include vaccination, weekly testing for unvaccinated individuals, masking, social distancing, proper ventilation, handwashing, daily deep disinfection, and clear protocols for isolating positive cases in close collaboration with the Camden County

Health Department.

As we strive for a return to normal, we anticipate more guidance from the Department of Health and Department of Education, as well as unforeseen changes in the days, weeks and months that lie ahead. We will continue to proceed with abundant caution. We thank you for your continued

patience and flexibility as we adjust. We will always keep the safety of our students and staff at the forefront. We will do our best to navigate these changes and to fulfill our mission to provide a safe and enriching learning environment for all students.

Most of all, know that we are here for you! Reach out to your teacher, counselor, school nurse, or principal for help. We want to see students succeed!

Phifer Holds Sixth Grade Orientation

Phifer Middle School's annual Sixth Grade Orientation was held on Aug. 31. Students had the opportunity to explore their middle school, meet some of their teachers, learn and practice words of affirmation for their new school year. They

also were provided a free uniform shirt for attending and had the opportunity to win school hoodies.

This year's orientation was well attended, and students had lots of fun and are ready for middle school!



Students work to get the hang of their locker combinations during Phifer's Sixth Grade Orientation.

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PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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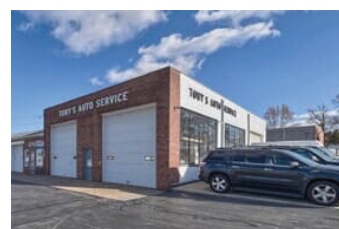
Fine School Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Fine School again celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, as they have done for years now. Mr. Honeyman introduced the history of this celebration and the statistics in America for people of Hispanic lineage.

Spanish teacher Katiria Ortiz organized a Hispanic person "fact of the day" read by a different student each morning to the entire school. Isabella Montenegro, dressed very festively, was the first student this year and cited the facts that

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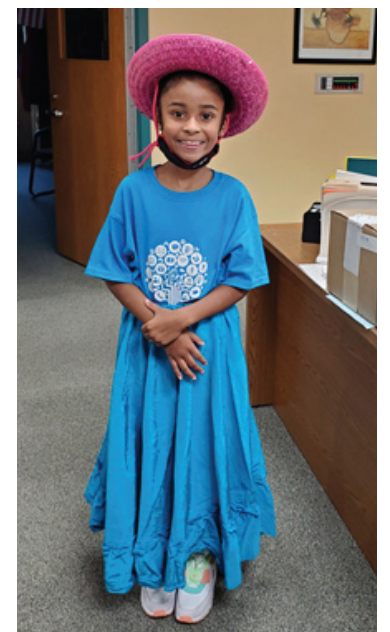
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“Taste Of Pennsauken” A Great Success

The Woman's Club of Merchantville would like to thank everyone who participated in last month's "Taste of Pennsauken." Despite having to change the date numerous times and the lingering virus, the evening was a success with an excellent selection of food from our

participating restaurants. Thanks to Marco's Restaurant, 45th Street Pub, Avocado Fiesta, H&H Deli, Macaro's Catering and Deli, Montegrillo's Cucina Italiana, Penn Queen Diner, and Robertito's for providing the food. Their generosity allows us to continue our

donations to charity so please support them. We would also like to thank the members from the community who attended and appreciate their support.

Both the Woman's Club of Merchantville and the Evening Membership Department (EMD) are looking for

members who are interested in volunteering, finding new activities, and meeting new people. As part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, there are plenty of opportunities to become involved. The Woman's Club meets the third Wednesday of the month

at noon and the EMD meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Both groups meet at the Merchantville Community Center.

For more information, contact Jan at janwh@aol.com or (609) 410 4650.

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Polling Places For General Election

By Pam Forman, Acting Township Clerk

The 2021 New Jersey General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The voter registration deadline for the General Election is Oct. 12. For those interested in voting by mail, ballots started to be mailed out to eligible residents in September. In addition to using the U.S. Mail, voters can also place their completed ballots in the drop box located in the

Township's municipal complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 26. For details on how to register to vote and request a mail-in ballot, visit CamdenCounty.com/service/voting-and-election.

Below is a list of polling locations for the upcoming election. Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

Polling Location

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Faith Independent Bible Church
Martin Luther Christian School
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Pennsauken Free Public Library
Homestead Youth Center
Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church
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2400 Bethel Ave.	5
8001 Maple Ave.	6
5605 N. Crescent Blvd.	7
4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
1665 Derousse Ave.	9 & 14
6225 Westfield Ave.	12
3559 Pennsylvania Ave.	13, 17 & 18
6751 Westfield Ave.	19
3800 Marlton Pike	20
5101 Stonegate Dr.	21
2400 McClellan Dr.	22

Celebrating Labor Day In Pennsauken



Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista and Township Committee members Vincent Martinez, Patrick Olivo, and Nikki Roberts were on hand for the 127th AFL-CIO Labor Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. Peter J. McGuire, who is considered the "Father of Labor Day," is buried in Arlington Cemetery in Pennsauken. The AFL-CIO has built a memorial there in recognition for his accomplishments to the American labor movement.

PENNSAUKEN OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second floor of the Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave.)

Township Committee
6:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 and 21

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 and 20

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 and 26

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Please do not flush baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is asking residents to think twice about what they are flushing down their toilets.

Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and supposedly "flushable" wipes should not be flushed down the toilet.

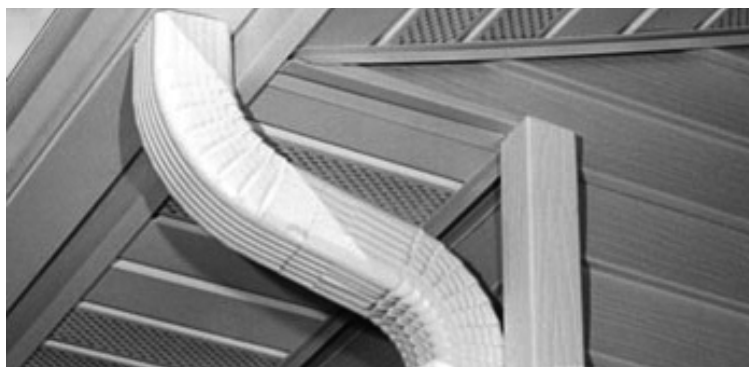
The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority remains available 24 hours a day to assist residents. We will

respond to all requests for assistance and will advise the homeowner of our findings by telephone. If you require assistance, call (856) 662-0686.



Improper Connections Cause Property Damage

The connection of sump pumps and down spouts to the sanitary sewer system is prohibited. During periods of heavy rain, these connections often overwhelm the main lines. This could result in a sewage back up into your own home or the home of your neighbor. If you need additional information about these types of connections, or suspect you or a neighbor, may have an improper connection and want information about having it removed, please call our office at (856) 663-5542.



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October Open Houses, History Month Celebrated In Pennsauken



Both the Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House in Pennsauken will open their doors for a variety of activities in October.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Pennsauken Historical Society will be re-opening both the historic Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House for guided tours. Our Docents will share the story of these historic Quaker homes, while sporting traditional colonial attire.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., our historic houses will again be open for tours, as well as some extras. In our Griffith Morgan House, we will have a professional demonstrator cooking in our authentic hearth kitchen. Both houses will feature live music, pumpkin carving, Halloween activities for children, and our museums and nature trails

will be open.

The safety and security of our guests is our highest priority. If not required at the time, masks will be recommended. Visitors will be encouraged to keep a distance of at least three feet from all other parties and volunteers.

October is Camden County History Month, organized through the Camden County History Alliance. In addition to our two beautiful historic houses, there are over 50 other events taking place in Camden County this month. The Camden County History Alliance was established in 2016, linking over 50 historical societies and assets in Camden County. More details

can be found at CCHSNJ.org/history-alliance.

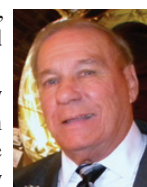
The Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane in Pennsauken, just off of River Rd. across from Aluminum Shapes. This beautiful house has been a Pennsauken landmark for 328 years! The Burrough-Dover House, can be found at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Haddonfield Rd. just opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Both houses provide plenty of free parking for your touring convenience.

Visit the "Griffith Morgan House" or "Pennsauken Historical Society" pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions or e-mail pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Please send an email to pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com if interested. Also, being hosted monthly is our Pennsauken Historical Book Club. Book club is open to all interested parties. Topics are voted upon following each book. Topics we've covered include Women's Suffrage, and George Washington.

DEATHNOTICES

Louis Alfonzo Papa, Lifetime Delaview Firefighter

Louis Alfonzo Papa, of Pennsauken, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sept. 9. Born in Camden, N.J., to the late Alfonzo and Mary Papa, he was 88 years old, living his entire life in the Delair section of Pennsauken.



Papa

Louis was predeceased by his six brothers, seven sisters, his grandson, Timothy Lucas Papa, and his great granddaughter, Madelyn Jade Pardi. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Judy (Banules) Papa. He was also the loving father of Cynthia Papa, Louis Papa, and Kimberly Papa-Haas; cherished grandfather of Anthony Alfonzo Papa, Vincent (Destiny) Zambrana, Amanda (Timothy) Pardi, and Victoria (Jackson) Beringer; adoring great grandfather of Mya Pardi, Sophia, Logan, and Lucas Zambrana, and Izabella Ribeiro; dear brother of Rita Giovanetti and

Theresa Flannigan; and dear brother-in-law of Jim and Denise Carpenter. Louis is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends who will miss him tremendously.

Louis was a lifetime member of the Delaview Fire Company. He worked for the Philadelphia Navy Yard Fire Department and was very proud of his service to them. Louis enjoyed going to the casinos, playing solitaire, and bowling. He was an avid cook and loved making soup! His favorite times were spent with his family, playing the guitar, and singing to his great grandkids.

Viewing and services were held at Givnish of Cinnaminson. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, StJude.org.

Papa's family would like to thank Fire Chief Joseph Palumbo Sr., and the Pennsauken Fire Department for their presence, fire truck, and flag flying high to honor Lou.



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MPWC WATERLINES

Flushing Of Fire Hydrants



The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission's Fall Flushing Program will take place Sunday through Thursday nights, beginning Oct. 17 and running through Oct. 28 between the hours of 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Hydrant flushing is an important element in our continuous efforts to maintain the quality of water in our system.

This procedure clears the distribution system of non-harmful sediment that may build up over time as well as to help us ensure that each hydrant is operating properly for firefighting purposes. The MPWC schedules hydrant flushing during night hours to create the least impact on our customers.

While we are flushing in your neighborhood, you may experience decreased water pressure and/or temporary discoloration of your water. While discoloration can be startling to see, rest assured it poses no health or safety issues, as the cause of the discoloration is non-harmful iron and manganese mineral.

The MPWC will be posting flushing routes on our Facebook page throughout the duration of the fall program. If you see your street or a nearby cross-street listed on our Facebook page, we recommend not running your water between flushing times as the best course of action to prevent an accidental draw of discolored water into your home or business

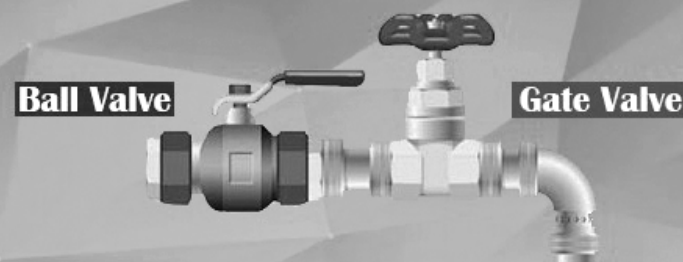
system. If discoloration does occur, we advise you to simply run your cold water for a few minutes until it is clear. The MPWC encourages you to check for discolored water before doing laundry.

The MPWC has been working diligently to notify all of our neighbors and customers of when we'll be in specific areas during the hydrant flushing period. For the most up-to-date information please "like" us on Facebook. We will post an updated list every day!

In addition, if you have not already signed up to get notifications from the MPWC, please visit our website at MPWC.com and click on the "Notify Me" button, so that you may receive notification of hydrant flushing, as well as any other service notifications should they arise in your area.

Have questions regarding the flushing program? Please contact the MPWC's Customer Support Center at (856) 663-0043.

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CHECK YOUR TOILET

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Attention customers: When paying your bill online, be reminded that the MPWC can only verify payments in real time if you pay through the link on our website. Please visit www.mppwc.com and click on the yellow button that reads "Access Online Bill Pay." Payments will be posted to your account on the next business day. If you are in danger of service termination, you may make an online payment and then contact our office where a Customer Support Representative can log on and verify that your pay-

ment is pending.

When customers use a web browser to search for how to pay MPWC bills online, they are often directed to third party sites. Those payments can take up to 10 business days to reach our office.

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Please note that if you choose to pay through your bank's online "Bill Pay"

option, processing will take some extra time. Your bank will actually cut a paper check and mail it to us via USPS. Be sure to schedule your payment well in advance of your due date to avoid penalties and possible service termination.

As always, the MPWC is happy to answer any of your questions. Contact our Customer Support Center at (856) 663-0043 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For after hour emergencies, please dial (856) 663-0044.

Meetings of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are held in person on the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

The location is the G. Burton German meeting room at the MPWC's Administrative Headquarters, 6751 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. The public is invited to attend. For more information, visit our website, MPWC.com

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In the **GARDEN** Enjoying Some Fall Fun With Pumpkins Off The Vine

By Victoria Rose, AAP Columnist

Cool, crisp weather and shortened days mean that fall is here with all its wonderful colors. I love taking a walk during this time of year, seeing the leaves on the trees turn vibrant hues of yellow, orange, and red. It's also pumpkin weather!

If you planted pumpkins in your garden last May and stuck with it, congratulations! Your crop is about ready to harvest. You'll know when to pick them

when they get that wonderful orange color, and the rind is hard. If they sound hollow when you tap on them, you're ready to cut them off the vine. Be sure to wear gloves when you do, as the vine can get very prickly. Your hands will thank you!

If you didn't grow pumpkins this year, you can get ready for next spring when you carve your Jack-o-lanterns this month. Scoop out the seeds from your pumpkins, pick off as much of the stringy pulp as possible, and place them in card-

board box or lid to dry. After a few days, you'll be able to shake the seeds out and place them into an envelope where they'll be ready to be planted for 2022. A fun activity for kids is to have them help place pumpkin seeds in a plastic cup with some soil (two to three seeds in about an inch and a half of vegetable garden soil) and put them in an area inside that is

warm and gets plenty of sunlight. Water them regularly (make sure there are holes in the bottom of the cups for proper drainage) and you should see some shoots in about 10 days. Pick the best two plants from each cup for your garden, planting between mid-May and July. Just remember, pumpkins need space to grow, direct sunlight, a lot of

water, and plenty of patience and commitment from the gardener. But think how fun it will be to say that you grow your own pumpkins!

Happy Halloween and enjoy this wonderful fall season!

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Pennsauken Harvest Festival Held October 16 continued from page 1

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This year's event also offers residents an opportunity to give back. Oct. 16 is World Food Day, where events and activities promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger

and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all. Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the Harvest Festival. All donations will be delivered to a Pennsauken-based food bank to help food insecure families in our

community.

The Pennsauken Harvest Festival is held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety. "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" is

this year's theme.

"Everyone should know and be able to recognize the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make during an emergency," said Captain Dan Kerr, Pennsauken Township Fire Department. "Knowing what to do when an alarm goes off in your home will keep both you and your family safe."

As part of the town's fall celebration, the Pennsauken Fire Department will display a variety of emergency vehicles; demonstrate a car extraction using fire-fighting tools; give children an opportunity to test their firefighting skills using a special fire hose; and host their annual chili contest. In addition, the Office of the

Fire Marshal will distribute materials on the importance of fire safety. Pennsauken's firefighters will be joined by the Township's police officers, who will also have vehicles on display and hold demonstrations throughout the day.

Regular and handicapped parking will be available for attendees, both on site as well as the areas adjacent to the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex; during the event, traffic assistance will be provided by Pennsauken Police. For more information, visit "Pennsauken Harvest Festival" on Facebook or go to <https://twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/harvest-festival-2021>.

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Pennsauken Remembers Twentieth Anniversary Of 9/11 Terror Attacks *continued from page 1*

September 11, 2001.

“On behalf of myself, all of Township Committee, and this entire Township, we thank everyone for coming out here tonight,” said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. “This has been a tradition started as a remembrance to all those who lost their lives on 9/11. Every year we come here to show our respect.”

Pennsauken’s memorial was first dedicated on September 11, 2003, as a tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and the dedicated first responders — police, fire, and EMS — who serve every day to protect residents and businesses in the communities where they live. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower was dedicated as a permanent part of the memorial.

The quiet calm of the late evening lent itself to the solemnity of the occasion; and the significant group of volunteers working with Pennsauken’s first responders completed the task quickly. Attendees took time for reflection, thinking back to that traumatic and horrific day 20 years ago, the forged solidarity in the days after, the progress made in the almost two decades since the terror attacks, and the work that still needs to be done to both maintain freedom and foster tolerance.

Twenty-four hours later, the flags were removed from the 9/11 Memorial and stored away for 2022’s ceremony; but in the year that will follow and for many years to come, Pennsauken will never forget.

Day Of Remembrance

On the morning of Sept. 11, Pennsauken gathered at its 9/11 Memorial for a “Day of Remembrance” ceremony. Opening with a performance by the Watson Bagpipers and the singing of the national anthem by Pennsauken High School senior Logan Endes, Mayor DiBattista reflected on the events from 20 years ago.

“So many people — who were just going about their regular day 20 years ago — lost their lives because of a hatred and evil that we could never understand,” explained DiBattista. “If you were old enough on that day in 2001, you’ll never, ever forget. That’s why we have this monument here. What occurred 20 years ago is etched in black granite as a permanent reminder to this community.”

The ceremony’s invocation was given by Pastor José Escalera of Temple Lutheran Church. Pennsauken High School’s Air Force JROTC posted the colors during the ceremony, and “God



On the eve of Sept. 11, residents joined first responders and public officials to place almost 3,000 American flags at the Pennsauken 9/11 Memorial.

Bless America” was patriotically performed by the PHS Apache Marching Band. A bell was rung four times, one time for each of the terror attacks that occurred on that day 20 years ago. Police Chief Phillip Olivo and Fire Chief and Public Safety Director Joseph Palumbo, Sr. spoke about the commitment of the 415 first responders — firefighters and police, EMTs and port officers — who died that day in the line of duty, and how that dedication is echoed in the police officers, firefighters, and EMTs that continue to carry on in their stead.

“As the buildings burned and collapsed [on 9/11], people ran away. That’s what you’re supposed to do. Get away from danger and get to safety. But not the first responders,” said Olivo. “They ran in, towards the death and destruction. They risked their lives in the hopes of getting everyone to safety. That is what we do. We are the guardians. It is our duty to protect.”

“Twenty years later, records and transcripts indicate that many of these men and women had full knowledge of the peril they were facing inside of the several buildings that comprised the World Trade Center and the surrounding area. And they sacrificed their lives to aid the people. We here in Pennsauken, our residents and our people, have not forgotten these men and women, civilian and uniformed, who were killed on September 11, 2001,” added Palumbo. “And for the men and women who wear the uniform of the Pennsauken Fire Department, our demonstration to honor the firefighters,

police officers, and emergency medical technicians killed on September 11, 2001, is to proudly provide service and respond to emergencies throughout this great town every day of the year, without interruption.”

Attendees then heard from guest speaker Mr. Oscar Phillip Benjamin, a longtime Pennsauken resident who was chief of police intelligence for the U.S. Army’s Antiterrorism Operations Intelligence Cell at the Pentagon, and the officer in charge on the morning of September 11, 2001, who sounded the first alarm that a plane was going to strike the facility.

“When I went to the Pentagon in February 2001, I had no idea that I was about to embark on the most adventurous and demanding times of my entire career,” said Mr. Benjamin. “The morning of September 11 started out as any other day. Then we saw the news reports. We were on a skeleton crew at the time. There was a core of 10 or 12 of us who started pulling things together to try and see what the Army’s response was going to be. We were on the phone with the FAA, the National Security Agency, Air Force Operations Center. We hear that there was still one plane unaccounted for in the District of Columbia Metropolitan Area. The next report we have, [the plane] is east over Reagan National, probably less than a mile from the Pentagon. That’s it. We’re the target. We start to evacuate. The Pentagon at that time had no central communications ability whatsoever. Runners started running from office to office telling them: ‘Civilians and contractors, evacuate immediately! Soldiers, man your posts!’ Six to 10 minutes later, there was slight shudder and the sound of an explosion. We knew we were hit.

“We’re in the basement. One floor above us and maybe 100 feet over, the building is totally on fire. We’re burning, the building’s collapsing. Not one person in that Army Operations Center left their desk. Everybody continued to do their job. We did lose two people from our office that day.

“From then on, all bets were off. The Army was in operation within three days, we had a full crisis action team in business and the planning was ongoing to find, kill, or capture Osama Bin Laden.”

Township Committee then read the names of Camden County residents who lost their lives during the terror attacks on 9/11, as well as the war or terror. Three of these were Pennsauken residents who were killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom: Army Sergeant Michael Egan,

Marine Lance Corporal Terrence P. Allen, and Army Captain Maria Ortiz.

In closing, Mayor DiBattista reflected on how people from all walks of life, both here in Pennsauken and across the country, need to continue to rise above hate and violence.

“What happened 20 years ago was born out of hate. And it seems that there is more hate in our world than ever before. But hate cannot be our response. We

have to be beacons of love and community. I’m inspired by the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ‘Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.’ Let us remember these important words, think and pray for those who continued to be affected by the terror attacks, and be thankful for those who continually go above and beyond for the safety of Pennsauken and our residents.”

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In the October 2020 issue of All Around Pennsauken, we first celebrated Mr. Stephen Mucha, a longtime Pennsauken resident and veteran, who at the time, was celebrating his 99th birthday. This year, we were fortunate enough to return on Aug. 29, as local officials, veterans, family, and friends gathered to sing and celebrate along with Stephen as he hit the century mark.

"I thank you all very much from my heart. I'm just lucky to be here on my 100th birthday," said Mucha, who was truly touched by the community outpouring. "It's great to see all of these people come out and wish me a happy birthday."

The celebration kicked off with a parade of fire engines, ambulances, police vehicles, and motorcycles, followed by

Celebrating The One Hundredth Birthday Of Stephen Mucha

proclamations from the Office of Congressman Donald Norcross, the Camden County Board of Commissioners, the Borough of Merchantville, and Pennsauken Township. There were also special presentations by the Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs; the American Legion, its Auxiliary, and FW Grigg Post 68; as well as the Warrior Watch Riders and AMVET's Riders Post 101. The accolades are well deserved, as Mucha, while serving in the Navy during World War II, worked on a couple of pioneering projects at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, including the tandem rotor helicopter invented by Philadelphia Frank Piasecki and the 3D camera system of Douglas F. Winnek Coffey. After the war, he became an aerospace engineer, designing helicopters for Sikorsky Aircraft. A member of

FW Grigg American Legion Post 68, Mucha has four children from his first marriage with Shirley Bryan, and three stepchildren by his second marriage to his wife, Carol Copper Mucha. He also has 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Stephen is a published author, accomplished musician, and has read hundreds of books to school children as part of the First Book program.

"You have created a legacy of service, kindness, and humor that is unparalleled," said Pennsauken Township Committeeman Vince Martinez, as he read a proclamation to Mr. Mucha. "Pennsauken is a better place because you made this community your home."

"I never expected to reach 100, but I did and I'm going to stay a while," said Mucha.

Happy 100th birthday Stephen! Can't wait to see how you celebrate 101 years on the planet.



Family and friends sang along with longtime Pennsauken resident and veteran Mr. Stephen Mucha, as he celebrated his 100th birthday on Aug. 29.

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Tree, Memorial Plaque To Honor Jeffrey S. Brown

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, members of the Merchantville High School Class of 1960, will honor the memory of Jeffrey S. Brown, who was an active resident and business owner in the communities of Merchantville and Pennsauken for decades.

Jeff was a Pennsauken resident and a graduate and class president of Merchantville High's Class of 1960. Owner of Stephenson-Brown Funeral Home, he

was the only person to serve on both Pennsauken Township Committee, as well as the Merchantville Borough Council. Jeff was civic minded and belonged to and was active in many area organizations. He was also an avid car enthusiast.

A newly planted tree and a memorial plaque are in place along the walking path near the gazebo on Centre St. in Merchantville. At noon on Oct. 13, MHS

Class of 1960 will also present donations to Merchantville Elementary School and to the Merchantville Police Department for their community service.

Members of the public, as well as classmates, alumni, co-workers, and friends of Jeff Brown, are invited to attend. To R.S.V.P., email MJCoyle513@gmail.com.



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FOODADVENTURES Ragin' Cajun Flavor and Crispy Wings At JZ Fish Wing

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

With only six locations in the United States and a loyal customer base growing every day, JZ Fish Wing may be the unassuming contender in the seafood boil and chicken industry. For this adventure, I decided to bring along my family to give this place a try with me. We are all fans of seafood, and my dad is always interested in finding a truly good piece of chicken, though he will always claim that my mom and abuela make the best.

We ordered three platters: shrimp, chicken, and chicken wing. The first thing we all noticed was that the seasonings here are spot on. JZ Fish Wings has found a happy medium between just too much spice and just plain bland. The shrimp were served with a few cups of cocktail sauce that tasted homemade. The platter comes with a potato and an ear of corn. I was a big fan of these shrimp. They were on the larger side and your order comes with about 18 shrimp. These are great as a meal or as apps for a party. My dad got the chicken platter, which came with two big pieces of chicken and two slices of bread; he added fried rice for an extra \$2.50. The chicken is coated and fried and comes out light and crispy. You don't get a chicken that's too heavy on the outside and dry on the inside. The fried rice was also a really great addition. My mom ordered the chicken wings, which came with six wings, a heaping serving of fries,



Pennsauken's JZ Fish Wing offers a variety of flavorful seafood and chicken offerings.

two slices of bread, and lots of sauce on the side. The fry on these was really nice. They stayed juicy and the flavor wasn't too salty. Another win.

The platters will set you back about \$13, but it's nothing that will leave you hungry and looking for more food. Another nice thing about these meals are

the extras that you can add if you think you'll want more. Their sides range from steamed rice for \$2, up to fried calamari for \$8.95. There are about 20 different options to pick from. There are also a ton of fish options, which makes this place perfect for pescatarians (people who only eat fish). I see this place being a hot spot during the Christian observance of Lent, when during this time, meat can't be eaten on Fridays. There are also specials during the week from Monday to Thursday that give you the options for larger seafood orders that even come with sides. These include 1.5 to 2 lbs. of seafood for anywhere from \$30 up to \$48. You can choose your seasonings and your spice level. I went with the garlic butter mild for my shrimp, but I'm definitely going back to get their Cajun with extra hot spice. To view these specials, be sure to visit JZ Fish Wing's website at

www.jzfishwings.com.

Located at 7550 S Crescent Blvd., JZ Fish Wing is open every day. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; and 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. You can order online or call ahead to place an order by calling (856) 333-6964. They also allow

for a dine-in option.

When you visit, I'd love to hear your thoughts on this place. Visit my Facebook page "AAP Food Adventures" I'm also on Instagram @AAPFoodAdventures. Enjoy this place, keep trying new things and always enjoy your Food Adventures!

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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Friends Fall 50/50 Raffle Drawing Held This Month

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library Annual Fall Raffle is BACK! The 50/50 raffle ticket sales started in September and continue until our drawing at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15. Since we were a little short of our goal of \$4,500 during the Lemonade 4 Change events over the summer, the proceeds of our raffle will put us over the top and allow us to purchase additional diversity material for the library's collection. Remember how great it felt to donate to a worthwhile cause, then get some delicious lemonade during those

hot summer days? We're hoping this year's 50/50 gives you that same good feeling, not to mention a nice bit of extra cash in your wallet if you're the winner!

Raffle tickets are on sale at the library's circulation desk or from any member of the Friends. The cost is \$2 each or three for \$5. The winner will receive 50 percent of the total monies raised, and the other half will go toward purchasing more diverse materials for the library.

You don't want to miss out! Buy a ticket or three, cross your fingers, and be ready Oct. 15 to see if you're the lucky ticket holder.

Here's something else to get excited about. We'll be extending our Wellness Program with at least six new sessions (and working on eight) of chair yoga. For the time being, they still have to be via Zoom until the library reopens the community room full time. The dates so far are Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22, as well as Nov. 12 and 19. You'll need to register beforehand online at <https://tinyurl.com/FOLwellness>. You can also check out information on our Facebook page or be on the lookout for an email blast if you're on our list of previously registered participants. We're also working on some Mindfulness sessions to keep everyone focused; we'll have

more on that next month.

Finally, here's the latest update on new museums we've added to the Museum Pass Program. The Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion, and the Newark Museum of Art are now on-board joining the Museum of the American Revolution, the Mutter Museum, Eastern State Penitentiary, the African American Museum in Philadelphia, the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and the National Liberty Museum on Chestnut St. in Philadelphia, among others. In case you don't know about the Museum Pass Program, it's fully funded by the Friends of the Pennsauken Library and

allows library members to visit participating sites throughout the area with free or discounted admission and the ability to bring along some friends or family. Visit the library's website at pennsauken-library.org or call (856) 665-5959, ext. 3 to check on the availability of any passes you're interest in. Only library members in good standing are eligible to use the program, however, so if you're not already a member, doesn't this sound like a good time to become one?

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The giveaway will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, 8:00 a.m. to noon, or until supplies run out, at Ahern Painting, 2202 Bethel Ave., Pennsauken. The giveaway is open to Pennsauken residents, as well as members of the Pennsauken-Merchandise Area Chamber of Commerce. No outside businesses may participate. In addition, Ahern Painting requests the following:

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GRAYMATTERS Remembering Seventy Years Of Trick Or Treating

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

'Tis the season once again for "ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts and things that go bump in the night." It's time for Halloween 2021!

I was talking with my friends from Philly just this week, and as usual we were all over the map talking about this and that from our youth. Quite naturally, Halloween was mentioned, and we all recalled a few of the outfits that we were dressed in as kids, such as a gypsy; a hobo, complete with railroad travel bag; or a ghost, courtesy of Mom's linen closet. Then there were times we would go to Woolworth's or to SunRay's on Frankford Ave. for a real already put together outfit, such as Davy Crockett, complete with coonskin cap; Cowgirl Dale Evans; Superman; Miss America; or Mary Hartline. Remember her?

I had a real revelation on how LONG ago that first Halloween happened for me. I was three and a half years old, so that would be October 31, 1951.

Say what!?!

I recall vividly what I was dressed as, courtesy of my mother's vision, sewing talent, and a 1943 foot-peddled Singer Sewing machine. It was a fuzzy pink and white bunny outfit, with these adorable stand-up ears that had wires around their edges, so they wouldn't flop in my face. I also came equipped with a furry pink nose and snow white whiskers. I can almost feel how soft and comfy that outfit was.

Mom and I only traveled up and down the 1100 block of Wakeling St., when neighbors really knew each other. It was a lot more than just a stop by for Halloween candy. Of course, everyone would ask about my outfit, but also, how I was doing; what was my favorite book was; and how much fun my tapdancing class was that week.

Back then, neighbors were extensions of our own family, and it was interesting, fun, as well as comforting to know such really nice people who cared about you. They were each ready and waiting for all of their Halloween visitors with a big and

I do mean BIG five cent Hershey bar to put in our treat bag.

Fast forward many decades. In the last few years in my Pennsauken neighborhood, I have purchased maybe \$35 worth of candy, and only a few children show up. It seems there are different rules and concerns these days, and so, the crowds go elsewhere. And I can certainly understand that.

So, this year, I've decided I'll donate candy to one of those places for the kids. I have also decided that on the 70th anniversary of my first Halloween, I will trek over to the 1100 block of Wakeling St. in the early afternoon of Halloween 2021 for a walk down memory lane to deliver a Hershey bar to each of the houses who gifted me with one all those years ago, complete with a little note, explaining my joy in giving back.

So, thanks for the memories: Dr. and Mrs. Bierman; Mr. and Mrs. Brooks; the Manuzak Family; Dr. and Mrs. Tinsman; Mrs. Bluett; the Samets, Benders, and Malloys; Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin; the Al-lens, Gionottis, Gatsbys, and Dilks fami-

lies; the Freihs; Dr. and Mrs. Buzby; and good old Mrs. McGonagle.

And thanks also to the lovely new neighbors who now grace that block with their presence. And maybe someday a little three-year-old girl will come knocking on their doors, smile through her mask at you and say, "Trick or Treat." And she'll remember their words of kindness, that special favorite Hershey

bar, and the happiness they wish her as she walks back down their front steps.

And... maybe she too will write about them, 70 years later, because the memories were just too wonderful to keep to herself any longer. My guess is, she will.

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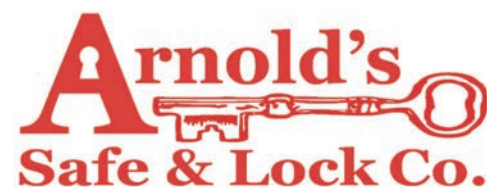
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Library Board Of Trustees Meeting On October 25

Board is responsible for reviewing current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of each month. This month's meeting will be held via Zoom

on Monday, Oct. 25, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

To learn how to log in virtually to this month's meeting of the Board of Trustees, visit PennsaukenLibrary.org.

October Library Events

Please note, at all library events held in person, all patrons ages 2 and over will be expected to follow all current COVID-19 policies, including mask wearing at all times and social distancing when applicable.

- Animal Crossing "Isle of PL" Open Play Hours – Monday, Oct. 4 and 18; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The "Isle of PL" welcomes Animal Crossing New Horizons players of all ages! To visit, add the PFPL's Nintendo Friend Code, SW-3902-1262-4235; then once playing, visit your airport, and select "visit through online play" to find us. Note: A Nintendo Online subscription is required for online play. For questions, contact youthservices@pennsaukenlibrary.org or (856) 665-5959 ext. 6.
- Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for virtual, interactive story time fun, live via Zoom! Online registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/pfplstory21>. For children

ages 3+ and their caregivers.

- Take and Make Tuesdays – Tuesdays, Oct. 12 & 26; During regular hours. Stop by our Youth Services Department for free crafts that you can take with you and make at home! Available while supplies last.
- Baby Time Online – Wednesday, Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Susan for this short, baby-focused program featuring rhymes, songs, ASL baby signs, and more! This will also be a chance for caregivers to connect with one another. For our littlest patrons ages 2 and under and their caregivers. Registration is required; for details, visit pennsaukenlibrary.org and select "Events & Classes."
- Banned Book Week Book Discussion: The Handmaid's Tale – Wednesday, Oct. 6; 7:00 p.m. For adults and older teens. Celebrate Banned Book Week and our Freedom to Read by joining a lively discussion about one of the most challenged books for adults: "The

Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. Read or listen to the book, watch the series (DVDs available at the library), or check out a summary or analysis on Hoopla or Overdrive. Then join us on Zoom to discuss! Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/pfplbanned>.

- DIY Fall Wreath Workshop – Monday, Oct. 18; 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For adults and older teens. Welcome Fall this year by making your own wreath filled with rich colors and fall elements such as pinecones and pumpkins! You do not need any art skills to attend this workshop. Beginners are always welcome! Advance registration is required for this in-person program, and space is limited to 10 participants. Participants are required to wear a mask. A \$5 registration fee is also required to confirm your spot in the class. To register, please call 856-665-5959 ext. 3 or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/pfplworkshop>.

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inSports Pennsauken Football Back On The Map

By Billy Snyder, Athletic Director,
Pennsauken Public Schools

Pennsauken football has a storied history filled with championships and elite talent that has played at every level the sport has to offer. Coach Clinton Tabb and his staff have been working hard over the last few years trying to replicate that past success. They have been putting on clinics for youth coaches and players and have been in the film room and the weight room with the current team. In early September, they got the confirmation that they are headed in the right direction when James Franklin, head football coach of Penn State University, came for a visit. Coach Franklin came to

see some of the current players, Ejani Shaikr, Kahlil Ali, and Elijah Jennings.

"The word of Pennsauken's new success has reached Happy Valley and I had to fly in and see it for myself. I am really impressed with everything [Pennsauken] has done over the past few years," said Franklin. "The talent is here, as well as elite facilities. I would love to see some of this Pennsauken success come to Happy Valley."



James Franklin, head football coach for Penn State University, visited Pennsauken to see several players from PHS.

Pennsauken Youth Soccer Club Kicks Off Intramural Season



Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista was on hand for the kick off of the Pennsauken Youth Soccer Club's fall intramural season.

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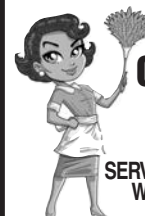
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